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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

PULPITS AND PEWS

ISRAEL METROPOLITAN C. M.
E. CHURCH

Corner First and B Streets, S. W.,
Rev. R. Kent Harris, Pastor, 41 D
Street, S. E.; Miss A. Woods, Church
Editress, 1108 O Street, N. W.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday-school, 9.30 to 10.55 A.
M., Mr. John Boston, superintend-
ent; Miss B. Clifford, assistant
superintendent. Preaching, 11 A.
M.; night services, 7.45 P. M.

There are dark days in every
year; days on which the sun is hid-
den behind dark threatening
clouds and the sky is a leaden gray,
as was Sunday, September 11,
1910. There are what may be called
gray days in every human life;
days of mental mists and drizzle,
when the heaven of thought is over-
cast and no glimpse of brightness
breaks upon the soul. But whether
there were clouds in the sky of any
one or more of those persons pres-
ent at Israel C. M. E. Church last
Sunday, or whether the weather's
gloom had cast a spell somewhat
depressing over any, certain it was
that after listening to Brother
Severson, who, in the absence of
our beloved pastor, Rev. Harris,
discoursed extemporaneously upon
that passage of scripture beginning
"I am the Way, Truth and the
Light," etc., all feeling of gloom
or depression must surely have
been forgotten, and instead the
sweet assurances of our dear
Savior became more firmly and
lovingly fastened upon our minds
and souls. Added to the uplifting
sermon from which we gained more
understanding of the purpose and
aim of existence, and saw more
clearly, as expressed by Brother
Severson, that Jesus prepared for
us many glorious mansions by His
exalted life and His conformity to
the ideal, the very appropriate
music of the choir, selected by our
efficient leader, Mr. Joseph Wilson,
increased the spiritual enjoyment
of the congregation. Our regular
organist being absent, Mrs. Sarah
Moxley rendered excellent service
in her place.

The painting and beautifying of
the church building is progressing
rapidly. Already the fence has
been painted, and on Labor Day
the decoration of the first story
was started. The brethren of the
church spent the greatest portion
of their holiday in that Christian
labor, and were amply rewarded by
a very enjoyable dinner prepared
by the faithful sisters. The work
on the outside walls will soon be
started.

Miss Carrie Tibbett of Southeast
Washington is visiting friends in
Philadelphia.

Indeed, Hymen, the God of Mar-
riage, is playing us some odd
tricks, for we had hardly been able
to realize the truth of the an-
nouncement of the marriage of
Miss Noomi Boston, secretary of
the Sunday-school, to Mr. Noble,
than we learned of the marriage of
Miss Ruby Nichols, who will make
her home in Philadelphia, the
birthplace of her husband. Miss
Ruby Nichols formerly resided at
1959 3d street N. W., and is the
sister of Miss Nannie Nichols, one
of the leading alto singers of Israel
C. M. E. Church choir.

There will be a special sermon
preached to the local Elks by Rev.
E. E. Ricks, pastor of the First
Baptist Church, Sunday, Septem-
ber 18, under the auspices of Com-
panies H and P, together with
Company Q, of the Men's Regiment
of the Vermont Avenue Baptist
Church.

PLYMOUTH NOTES

Dr. A. C. Garner, Pastor, 493 T Street,
N. W.; Miss Gussie Harrod, Editress,
1145 Fifteenth Street.

Sunday-school, 9.30 to 10.50 A.
M.; H. R. Adams, superintendent;
J. S. Neal, assistant superintend-
ent. Preaching, 11 A. M.; vesper
service, 6.30 P. M.

Last Sunday morning being our
first communion in the beginning
of the new church year's active
work, special effort was made to
have as many as possible present,
especially the aged members of the
church. God in his providence has
taken so many of the old faithful
founders of our church from labor
to reward that we have only a few
remaining to share the pleasures
and trials of our church life.
Among those who worshiped with
us on Sunday by special effort were
Mr. Frank Brown, Mr. King of
Marudian Hill, and Mrs. Louisa
Washington. The congregation
listened with attention to an im-
pressive sermon preached by our
beloved pastor, Dr. Garner, from
I Cor. 7:31, subject, "Transient
Life." The junior choir sang
sweetly, and the service through-
out was unusually impressive. Mr.
John L. Lacy was ordained Senior
Deacon of our church to fill the
unexpired term of our esteemed
and beloved late Senior Deacon,
Brother Henry W. Freeman. Mr.
Lacy, like Mr. Freeman, was one
of the founders of the church, and
in the choice of him as Senior
Deacon the church is to be con-
gratulated. Dr. Garner conducted
the services, that were very im-
pressive.

The Y. P. S. C. E. was well at-
tended in the evening, and Mrs. J.
E. Buckner of Louisville, Ky.,
made an interesting address on the
subject "Forward."

The trustees entertained the
financial club on last Monday even-
ing at the residence of Mr. James
Cox, 2117 Newport Place. After
business transactions a delicious
collation was served in their beau-
tiful dining-room, and everyone
enjoyed a delightful evening.

Special effort is being made by
the trustees to raise more money
this year than ever before and clear
all indebtedness of the church. A
committee of seven was appointed
to make plans to this end, to be
presented to the financial club on
Friday night, September 16.

Miss L. Joice is to lead the en-
deavor meeting on Sunday evening,
September 18. Miss Martha Lee's
Sunday-school class will assist the
junior choir in furnishing the
musical program. All members
and friends of the church are ear-
nestly requested to be present to
help us encourage the young ones,
as special effort will be made this
year to keep them deeply interested
in all the services.

Several of our Sunday-school
workers have returned from their
vacation and taken up the work
with renewed zeal, but a few are
still away. Among our members
who have recently returned are
Mrs. Alice Joice, Mrs. G. Ford,
Mrs. Susan Washington, Miss
Sadie Shorter—all seemingly
much benefited by their trip.

Miss Lillie Lacy, Miss Carrie
Thomas, Mrs. Mary Douglass and
others are still enjoying their vaca-
tion.

Mr. W. O. Davis is in Baltimore
this week attending the B. M. C. to
represent the Excelsior Lodge
5441.

Miss Catherine Smith is also at-
tending the B. M. C. as a delegate
from the Household of Ruth.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Pastor, 1334
V Street, N. W.; W. H. Scott, Church
Editor, 1503 Pierce Place, N. W.

Rev. F. W. Dixon, who has
charge of Shiloh during the ab-
sence of Dr. J. M. Waldron,
preached for us last Sunday morn-
ing, using for his subject "Truth."
The sermons of Rev. Dixon, always
interesting and instructive, was
especially so on that occasion, and
was listened to attentively. Rev.
H. L. Goins preached at the even-
ing service.

During the absence of the pas-
tor, though Rev. Dixon will visit
the sick of the church as often as
possible, it is especially desired
that the members visit them also.
Among those reported last Sunday
were: Sister Julia Brooks of 440
O street, who was said to be some-
what improved. Brother Thomas
Veney, 1126 21st street, is improv-
ing. Sister Ellen Rollins, who has
been in Freedman's Hospital, has
returned to her home, 1751 Seaton
street. Sister Lucy Roy, though
not entirely well, was able to at-
tend the morning service last Sun-
day. Sister Gilbert of 1135 21st
street, an invalid, though physici-
ally very weak, was reported by
Rev. Dixon as being spiritually
very strong. During his recent
visit to her bedside he says she
preached him one of the best ser-
mons he ever heard. If not pos-
sible to visit the sick ones, then
give them your prayers.

Brother James A. Moss, who has
been spending his vacation at his
home in Louisa county, Virginia,
and also actively assisting at the
revival meetings, returned last week
greatly improved in health and ap-
pearance.

Brother W. H. Henderson and
his wife reports having a splendid
time at his home.

The Board of Deacons, assisted
by our Deaconesses, without whom
it would hardly be a success, will
give an entertainment on Wednes-
day evening, September 28, in the
lecture-room of our church, for the
benefit of the poor saints. If you
are unable to attend, purchase a
ticket, which is only 10 cents, and
thereby help swell the fund, which
is used for the poor and needy of
the church.

That the Rose Mission at Ten-
allytown, over which Rev. W. O.
Coates has charge, is at work is
evidenced by the announcement of
a watermelon feast which they are
preparing to give on Tuesday even-
ing, September 27. It is to be given
on the lot which they have just
purchased and enclosed, and on
which they hope at some time to
build. The proceeds of the enter-
tainment is for the benefit of the
aged and orphans of their mission,
and deserves to be encouraged. Go
out and spend a pleasant evening
with them and see what they are
doing. Tickets of admission are 10
cents, and can be purchased from
Brother W. O. Coates or Sisters
Rose Campbell, R. E. Coates, Bet-
tie Carter and Edmonia Smith.

Brother Isaac C. Reddie of the
choir returned last week from Bal-
timore, where he had been to visit
his wife, who has been very ill. He
says she is somewhat improved.
During his absence he was greatly
missed by the Christian Endeavor
Society as well as the choir.

Sister Sarah A. Lucas left the
city last week for New York, to be
absent till the middle of October.
When the Deacons give their enter-
tainment on the 27th of September
her absence will certainly be noted,

METROPOLITAN A. M. E. CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. N. Ross, 1444 Q Street,
N. W.; Editor, E. G. Evans, 1015 Q
Street, N. W. Sunday School at 9.30
A. M.

The Electoral College of the Bal-
timore Conference, at which two
laymen were elected to our next
General Conference, assembled at
Wayman Memorial Chapel, Balti-
more, Md., the 7th inst. The dele-
gation was not as large as we an-
ticipated, but those present were
the young blood of the church. It
is a progressive sign for any orga-
nization to see its young men and
women making strenuous efforts to
become its representatives. It
shows that they have faith in their
organization and are willing to ex-
pend their time and talent for the
betterment of all concerned, but
encouragement is essential, or fail-
ure approaches; but if you are not
willing to encourage, then close the
doors of your common schools and
nail up your high schools and col-
leges.

The meeting was called to order
by E. A. Thompson, Esq., of An-
napolis, Md., and he was elected
temporary chairman of the meet-
ing, and Prof. Geo. S. White was
elected secretary. After the devo-
tional exercises the temporary or-
ganization was made permanent.
The following gentlemen entered
the contest for delegate: Messrs.
T. Hilyard, J. T. Layton, Taylor
Wilson, J. F. Blagburn, Geo. S.
White and Frisby. Hilyard and
Blagburn were elected on the sec-
ond and third ballot, respectively,
and Frisby and White were elected
the alternates.

The young men were very proud
of their election, and we feel sure
that they will make better church-
men. All of them, save Mr. Hil-
yard, are Sunday-school officers, as
well as that of their churches.

This seems to be "Oh, you
Scott!" season among our mem-
bers. On the 8th inst. Chaplain
Scott was feasted by Mr. and Mrs.
J. C. Bailey at their residence,
2210 12th street N. W. Their ta-
bles were loaded with plenty of the
best and daintiest.

The Helping Hand Circle enter-
tained him Saturday evening, the
10th inst., at Mrs. Josephine
Wheeler's, 1113 11th street N. W.

The reception certainly reflected
great credit upon every member of
the club. The invited guest, as
well as the members, seemed to be
surcharged with adoration and
admiration because of the achieve-
ments of Rev. Scott, both while
pastor in this city and since being
chaplain of the United States
Army. Among the many invited
guests and speakers were Hon. W.
T. Vernon, Rev. Dr. John Hurst,
Dr. I. N. Ross, Rev. Garner, toast-
master, and Rev. Dr. Sterling
Brown. The speaker thrilled the

audience with a spirit of brotherly
love and church pride.
One of the speakers advanced
the thought or statement that
the chaplain had his greatest
struggles at Metropolitan, but won
his greatest victory there also, and
made of it an A. M. E. church. To
us the statement is very true.
What was it before he changed it,
you ask? Well, if anyone asks you
the question, you just tell him you
don't know.

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The lecture on the "Mysteries of
the Philippines" Monday night by
Chaplain O. J. W. Scott was grand,
patriotic, instructive and highly
enjoyed throughout. Upon the
platform were Rev. Dr. Vernon,
John Hurst and I. N. Ross, and
General Burt, once commander of
the Twenty-fifth Infantry; Rev. U.
S. Edwards and a bugler. The
junior choir did itself proud in
rendering its new music. The lec-
turer held his audience spellbound,
shifting them from one magic scene
to another for more than an hour.
Gen. Andrew S. Burt, chairman
of the meeting, and late com-
mander of the Twenty-fifth In-
fantry, was introduced by Rev. Dr.
I. N. Ross. The General, in a few
choice selected words, paid a glow-
ing account of and a righteous
tribute to the bravery and manli-
ness of the Twenty-fifth Infantry
and the undisputable fine qualities,
zeal and noble manhood demon-
strated by the present chaplain,
Dr. O. J. W. Scott, since appointed
by the President of these United
States, and then introduced the
speaker of the evening.

The speaker's first proposition
was that a race is judged by its
ideals and its activities along those
lines followed by all civilized peo-
ples. He told of many phases of
army life—their mode of deport-
ment, schooling, their physical ex-
ercises, athletic sports, their devo-
tional exercises.

He gave the house a sample of
bugle language by having a young
man talk through his bugle.

After the lecture the house
passed below to the lecture and
Sunday-school room, where the
guest of the evening sat down
around a sumptuous table laden
with the best that the Wesley Club
could find in the markets. Dr. W.
T. Vernon was toastmaster, and
rose to his fullest height in his en-
deavor to help pay a merited re-
spect to one of his dear friends,
Chaplain O. J. W. Scott. Mrs.
Julia Hamilton, the president of
the club, happily introduced toast-
master Dr. Vernon. Speeches were
made by Rev. Dr. I. N. Ross, Ster-
ling Brown, W. R. Arnold, John
Hurst and Gen. A. S. Burt; Miss
Mattie Bowers, Prof. W. H. Rich-
ards and our able chaplain, O. J.
W. Scott. At a late hour the
guests arose and fervently sang
"God be with you till we meet
again."

Miss Mamie Ross will have
charge of this column the next two
weeks while we are out of town.

VANITY FAIR

Conducted by JOHN H. WILLS.

The Main Difference Between Civilized Man and the
Savage Is—Savages Don't Read.The High Cost of Living and the
Tariff.

Everybody is talking about the
high cost of living. There is good
reason for the talk, for, as the
grocer-poet say:

"Times is hard and money's scarce,
How to live is something fierce."

Among the many causes ascribed
to the high cost of living is our
present system of tariff. Making
a casual investigation, I find that
the articles which show the great-
est increase in cost are meat, eggs,
butter, fish, fruit, vegetables, wood
fuel—all products of nature and
the soil. They are all much dearer
than before the passage of the first
great purely protective tariff act of
1883. There were protective tar-
iff acts before that, but the act of
1883 was the first to embody the
principle of protection for Ameri-
can industries, as opposed posi-
tively to the doctrine of tariff for
revenue only.

Since the passage of that act
clothing, silk, cotton and wool fab-
rics, hats, shoes, teas, coffees, sugar,
canned goods, drugs, furniture,
paints, household utensils, tools,
machinery, books and paper have
become much cheaper. All manu-
factured articles have been cheap-
ened as a direct as well as indirect
result of that protective principle.
Among the other necessities which
have been cheapened indirectly by
the tariff are transportation, illu-
minating oils and gas.

All foodstuffs which come to the
market in a natural state are high-
er in price. Those which are pre-
pared by some process of manu-
facture are cheaper. This shows
how the tariff has affected food
prices. For instance, peaches and
apples in the natural state have
been rising steadily in price every
year, while peaches and apples pre-
served, canned or manufactured in
any form are becoming cheaper.
Wheat and corn are dearer, but
flour and meal cheaper. The rise
in prices of the products of nature
is not caused by the tariff, the lack
of supply and the increase in de-
mand, except in the case of wood
fuel, but by one of the fundamental
principles of economical finance,
and that is, creating an artificial
demand by restraining the natural
supply. There are meats, grain
and fruit a-plenty, but through the
operation of the commission mer-
chant system they are put on the
market at an arbitrary price, and
if unsold at that price are sent to
the canneries; or they are stored in
granaries and refrigerators for
purpose of forcing the prices. This
practice is old as trade, and the
story of Joseph and his operations
with the wheat of Pharaoh is not
so much a miracle or fable as the
account of a successful enhance-
ment of the price of foodstuff by a
clever financier of that age.

So I am inclined to think that
the high cost of living is mainly
caused by the producers and mer-
chants of foodstuffs forming trusts
and operating in restraint of trade.
What remedy the law can give has
yet to be seen. As to the tariff, I
am of the opinion also that many
articles of manufacture are rated
too high, and allow opportunity
for an overprofit to the manufac-
turer. Our factories can make
goods and ship them abroad for
sale at a lower price than they are
sold at home, which shows that an
arbitrary high price is charged in
the home market and that there is
an artificial overprofit sufficient to
allow exploiting and attempts to
corner the foreign market.

For an entire century the tariff

question has engaged the earnest
attention of our greatest states-
men. As the country has grown
and its industries developed there
has been a gradual recognition of
the soundness of the doctrine of
protection, though the latter belief
has changed in favor of low tariff
protection instead of the high pro-
tection as expressed in the McKee
bill of 1883 and modified in the Mc-
Kinley and Dingley bills. We will
soon see the expression in a tariff
law of the low tariff idea of protec-
tion. I hope to discuss the high
cost of living from another point
of view and in relation to the house
rent problem at another time.

What Shall We Do to be Saved.
(Being a Reply to "Crusader.")

It gives me great pleasure to
know that Crusader could find
nothing more in my article on "The
Colored Voter and the Democratic
Party" to criticize than the closing
paragraph, in which I advise the
colored voters to get together and
organize and help to turn the ras-
cals out and replace them with
good Republicans. Well, I think
that good advice yet. There was
never a time in history of the
Negro in America when organiza-
tion was more needed. With the
solid South actively arrayed
against us and the Northern Demo-
crats holding out the bait of office
in State and city, along with the
attitude of the present adminis-
tration toward Negro influence in the
party, if organization is not need-
ed, nothing else is. The Irish are
Democrats, they are organized; the
Germans are Republicans, they
are organized; the Italians are Re-
publicans, they are organized; the
Jews do not concern themselves to
any great extent with politics, but
they are organized. All of these
nationalities are closely organized,
and any movement for their better-
ment is discussed and concerted ac-
tion agreed upon, or any movement
antagonistic to their interests finds
them presenting a united opposi-
tion. The Negro is alone of all
straggling this way and that.
What idea animates and unifies
the entire Negro people of this
country? On what are they all
agreed? The forces which are act-
ing against us are organized, soli-
dly, actively and with great skill.
There should be organizations of
colored voters in every city, coun-
ty, Congressional district, State,
through which information, in-
struction and plan of action upon
matters affecting our welfare can
be put into action. If it be true
that the colored voters of this coun-
try are "a horde of automatons,"
as you say, then they will be more
easily organized than if they "all
want to lead," as others have
charged. Organize the "auto-
matons," and then we will gal-
vanize them into useful life.

As to the rascals in command.
Have you noticed what's going on?
The people have served notice to
quit to most of the old line of ma-
chine politicians, and many of
them have not waited, but got out
without waiting for the notice.
Progress and pure government is
the watchword of the hour, and the
colored voter had better organize
and get in line. As to Mr. Taft
and your "modern Cagliostro," or
the Big Noise, you may take your
choice. With the solid South and
its many villainies as the be all and
end all of the Democratic party, I
consider either or both of them bet-
ter than a Democrat.

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